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## CLAIMS

- 1. Process for the preparation of ureins derived from an  $\alpha$ ,  $\omega$ -diamino acid according to which a compound containing a free amino group is reacted, in basic medium, with a diamino acid derivative containing an N $^{\omega}$ -aryloxycarbonyl group.
- 2. Process according to Claim 1, wherein the diamino acid derivative used contains, as aryloxycarbonyl group, a group comprising from 7 to 15 carbon atoms.
- 3. Process according to Claim 2, wherein the aryloxycarbonyl group is a phenyloxycarbonyl or naphthyloxycarbonyl group optionally substituted by at least one group chosen from alkyl groups comprising from 1 to 4 carbon atoms and the nitro group.
- 15 4. Process according to Claim 3, wherein the aryloxycarbonyl group is the phenyloxycarbonyl group.
  - 5. Process according to Claim 1, wherein the compound comprising a free amino group is chosen from ammonia, primary and secondary amines and amino acids.
- 20 6. Process according to Claim 5, wherein the compound comprising a free amino group is an amino acid.
  - >7.  $N^{\omega}$ -Carboxyalkylcarbamoyl- $\alpha$ , $\omega$ -diamino acids of general formula

- in which A represents a bivalent group consisting of a

  linear carbon chain formed from 4 to 8 carbon atoms,
  which chain is optionally substituted by one or a number
  of groups chosen from C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>3</sub> alkyl groups and functional
  groups comprising at least one oxygen or sulphur atom
  such as a carboxyl, acyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy or mercapto
  group, and in which R3-NH represents an amino acid or a
  peptide.
  - 8. Cyclic ureins of general formula

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in which A represents a bivalent group consisting of a linear carbon chain formed from 1 to 3 carbon atoms, which chain is optionally substituted by one or a number of groups chosen from  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl groups and functional groups comprising at least one oxygen or sulphur atom such as a carboxyl, acyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy or mercapto group, with the exception of 2-oxoimidazolidinyl-4-carboxylic acid and (LD)-2-oxohexahydropyrimidinyl-4-carboxylic acid.

- 10 9. Urein according to Claim Which A represents a trimethylene group (CH<sub>2</sub>)<sub>3</sub>-.
  - 10. Peptides of general formula

in which A is a bivalent group consisting of a linear carbon chain formed from 2 or 3 carbon atoms, which chain is optionally substituted by one or a number of groups chosen from  $C_1$ - $C_3$  alkyl groups and functional groups comprising at least one oxygen or sulphur atom such as a carboxyl, acyl, hydroxyl, alkoxy or mercapto group.

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